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To Preside



REV. R. B. PATTERSON

Rev. R. B. Patterson, of Iuka, area missionary for Tishomingo and Itawamba Associations, will preside over the Associational Missionaries Institute to be held next week, Feb. 15-18 at Mississippi College.

The Rev. Mr. Patterson invites all associational superintendents of missions, all pastors and other church and associational leaders to attend and get the benefit of the effective program that has been planned.

Several state leaders will appear on program as will Rowland Crowder, Associate in Architecture Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Dr. S. F. Dowis and Dr. Lewis Martin of Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

What Baptists Believe About Baptism

Dr. Wilbern Lawrence

Possibly the first stone in the foundation of the New Testament Church was laid when Jesus asked His disciples the all important question, "Whom say ye that I am?" (Matthew 16:15). The complete foundation of the church is built on Peter's answer, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Our Saviour looked down through the centuries to the perpetuity of His church when he answered Peter, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18). This statement of Jesus means that His church would be built on the confession that Christ is the son of the living God.

I thank God that Jesus gave further instructions about what would constitute the church and what people must be to become members of it. Out on the mountain when Jesus was ready to go back to His Father he gave four commands for His disciples to follow until the



DR. WILBERN LAWRENCE

end of the world. "Go, make disciples, baptize, and teach." Baptism stands between the two great experiences—regeneration and teach-

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Southern Baptists Continue To Grow

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) —

Southern Baptist still continue to grow according to statistics released today by J. P. Edmunds, Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Total gifts to all causes jumped 12.4 per cent over 1952's total giving, but mission gifts went up only 5.7 per cent. Total gifts to all causes were \$278,851,129, or \$35.3 per capita, during 1953 with \$48,427,760 or \$6.14 per capita, going to missions. The per capita giving increased 8.9 per cent for total gifts and 2.3 per cent for missions.

Six hundred and thirty-one new churches were reported for 1953 to bring the total to 29,496, a 2.2 per cent gain over the 28,865 reported for 1952.

Full-time churches over the Convention now number 19,295 as compared with 17,802 in 1952. Of the remaining churches, 292 are three-quarter-time and 7,573 are half-time. The number of three-quarter-time churches showed a decrease

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To Have Two Sessions Daily, June 2-5 Miss. College Band To Play Thursday

Stewardship Revival On, Says Secretary Quarles

"Mississippi Baptists are experiencing a stewardship revival," Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Mississippi Baptists' executive secretary, stated in a major address at a district Baptist Leadership Rally in Wesson on last Thursday morning as he released figures on mission gifts for the first quarter of this convention year.

"Cooperative Program receipts the past three months, ending January 31, were \$318,301.96, compared to \$268,830.23 the same period a year ago, an increase of \$49,571.67 or 18.43 per cent," the state Baptist executive secretary treasurer declared before the Baptist leadership of the area.

"Receipts for January were \$125,519.93, a gain of \$24,103.70 over January a year ago." He pointed however to the goal of \$1,500,000 for this year, ending October 31, noting that a gain of 25 per cent would be necessary over the \$1,200,000 given last year.

The Cooperative Program is Mississippi Baptists' principal channel of mission gifts for state and worldwide causes. Last year 65 per cent of all their mission gifts were given through that channel.

—BR—

Baptist Report Child Care Gains

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (RNS) —

The premier showing of a color movie, "Where Love Is," depicting life in a typical Baptist orphanage highlighted the sixth annual meeting here of Child Care Executives of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The meeting, held at the Mexican Baptist Orphans Home of Texas, heard reports indicating progress in the denomination's child care institutions. Some 5,000 children are cared for in 22 homes in 17 states from California to Maryland.

T. M. Jones, superintendent of Florida Baptist Children's Home Lakeland, was elected president of the group succeeding the Rev. W. C. Reed, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina at Thomasville.

The program of the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in St. Louis June 2-5 has been released by the Program Committee.

The plan of having sessions morning and evening and leaving the afternoon free for committee work, which was used for the first time last year at Houston, will be continued.

Another new plan is also being tried—that of closing the convention at noon on Saturday instead of continuing until Sunday night.

Dr. J. W. Storer will preside as president, assisted by Dr. E. Westmoreland and Dr. R. C. Campbell, vice-presidents.

The program follows:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 2

- 9:00—Song and Praise
- 9:10—Scripture and Prayer Charles H. Black, Oklahoma
- 9:15—Secretary's Report on Registration Joe W. Burton, Tennessee
- 9:20—Committee on Order of Business—
..... Dale Cowling, Arkansas, Chairman
- 9:25—Appointment of Committee on Committees and Committee on Resolutions
- 9:30—Special Music Bison Glee Club, Oklahoma Baptist University, Oklahoma
- 9:35—President's Address J. W. Storer, Oklahoma
- 10:00—Special Music Bison Glee Club, Oklahoma
- 10:05—Executive Committee Administration Report—
..... Porter Routh, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
- 11:05—Committee on Amendment of Bylaw 18—
..... S. H. Jones, South Carolina, Chairman
- 11:15—Miscellaneous Business
- 11:25—Special Music W. L. Hughen, Alabama
- 11:30—Denominational Calendar Albert McClellan, Tenn., Chairman
- 11:40—Southern Baptist Foundation—
..... T. L. Holcomb, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
- 11:55—Southern Baptist Hospital Report—
..... Frank Tripp, Louisiana, Administrator
- 12:10—Worship
Special Music—Bellevue Baptist Church Choir, Memphis
- 12:30—Annual Convention Sermon Slater A. Murphy, Tennessee
Alternate—H. Leo Eddleman, Kentucky

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

- 7:00—Song and Praise
- 7:10—Scripture and Prayer Leroy Smith, Arizona

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Series Of Inter-Racial Conferences Scheduled For Mississippi Seminary

A series of inter-racial conferences on expansion, stewardship and missions will be held in several centers of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Feb. 22-26, it has been announced by Dr. W. A. Keel, of Jackson, secretary of Negro work Department of the State Convention Board.

The conferences will be sponsored by the State Convention Board and the Mississippi Seminary, of which Dr. Herbert L. Lang is president.

The week's schedule will include: Monday, Central Center, Jackson; Tuesday, southeast center, Hattiesburg; Wednesday, northwest center, Mound Bayou; Thursday, Waynesboro Center; and Friday,

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DR. W. A. KEEL

Southern Baptists

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of 50 in 1953 while the number of half-time churches decreased 391. Almost half of the Southern Baptist churches, 14,688, are classified as open country churches, while another 4,096 are known as village churches. Town churches showed an increase of 4.0 per cent to bring their total to 3,959. Convention-wide city churches totaled 5,943 in 1953, a gain of 620 or 11.6 per cent over last year.

Church property valuation rose to \$1,020,504,214, an increase of \$12,806,875 of 1952's \$890,697,339, or 14.6 per cent.

361,835 BAPTIZED

The statistics revealed that 361,835 people were baptized into membership of the churches over the Southern Baptist Convention, bringing the total membership to 7,886,016. This is a net increase of 251,523, or 3.3 per cent. Additions by letter in 1953 were 472,300.

Sunday school enrolment was 5,759,128 a gain of 268,072, or 4.9 per cent over 1952. Seven hundred thirty-nine new Sunday schools were reported bringing the 1953 total to 28,779.

Evidence of continued growth is shown by the 1,234 new Training Unions reported. This brings the 1953 total to 19,015, a 6.9 per cent gain over the 17,781 Training Union reported for 1952. Gain in Training Union enrolment was 172,251, or 10.3 per cent to bring the total to 1,849,544.

The Woman's Missionary Union reported 1,188,080 members in 1953 as compared with 1,143,933 in 1952, an increase of 3.9 per cent.

The Brotherhood, Southern Baptist men's organization saw a 13.3 gain in the membership of Brotherhoods. The enrolment stood at 214,486 in 1952 whereas 1953 saw an increase to 242,918.

Vacation Bible schools last summer enrolled 2,108,370 a gain of 189,317, or 9.9 per cent over 1952's enrolment of 1,919,053.

—BR—

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Dr. Pat H. Hill is serving as Interim Professor of Missions at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, announced Dr. Roland Q. Leavell. Dr. Hill is on furlough from Nigeria where he served on the faculty of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, at Ogbomoso, from 1949 until 1953. He will return to Nigeria in June.

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SB Convention

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7:15—Committee on Baptist State Papers—
W. Barry Garrett, Arizona, Chairman
7:35—Executive Committee Report on Promotion—
Merill D. Moore, Tennessee, Director of Promotion
8:00—Foreign Mission Board Report—
Baker James Cauthen, Virginia, Executive Secretary
8:50—Worship
Special Music—Richard Lin, Kentucky

9:00—Sermon—Foreign Missions Dr. Cauthen
THURSDAY MORNING

9:00—Song and Praise
9:10—Scripture and Prayer G. Earl Guinn, Louisiana
9:15—Committee to Study Brotherhood Sponsorship of
Royal Ambassadors Robert E. Naylor, Texas, Chairman
9:35—Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business
10:00—Memorial Service John H. Buchanan, Alabama
10:10—Special Music Southwest Baptist College Choir, Missouri
10:15—Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
10:20—Address Winfield Edson, California
10:45—Relief and Annuity Board—
Walter R. Alexander, Texas, Executive Secretary
11:10—Election of Officers Concluded and Miscellaneous Business
11:30—Baptist World Alliance Representative Joel Sorenson, Sweden
11:45—Sunday School Board Report—
James L. Sullivan, Tennessee, Executive Secretary

12:25—Special Music Men's Choir, Southern Seminary, Kentucky
12:30—Address—"A Million More in '54" Dr. Sullivan
THURSDAY NIGHT

7:00—Song and Praise
7:15—Scripture and Prayer Theron H. King, Illinois
7:20—Woman's Missionary Union—
Mrs. George R. Martin, Virginia, President
7:40—Baptist Brotherhood—
George W. Schroeder, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
8:00—Home Mission Board Report—
Courts Redford, Georgia, Executive Secretary
8:50—Special Music—Mississippi College Band, Mississippi
Mrs. Harold Taylor, Illinois
9:05—Sermon C. E. Andrews, Texas
FRIDAY MORNING

CHURCH COUNCIL TO R.E.A. President
HOLD ANNUAL MEET

The Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Church Council for Alcohol Education will be held Friday, February 19, St. Luke's Methodist Church, Jackson, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. the Rev. Boyd B. Underwood, chairman, announced today.

The Rev. Russell T. Nunan, Greenville, will bring a message entitled "Alcohol Education, A Christian Challenge." Emphasis will be placed on the development of leadership in the local church for promoting alcohol education. Three workshops will be conducted simultaneously; one for pastors, lead by the Rev. C. E. (Dan) Patch Baldwin, Mississippi; another for Sunday School Superintendents Adult Sunday School Teachers; religious educational directors and leaders of women's groups, lead by Mrs. C. C. Clark and the third for Young People with Mack Turnage, Misses Wilma Dyess, Willie Frances Coleman, Nell Taylor, Louise Hill and Jaqueline Hewitt as co-leaders.

The inroads made in society through the use of alcoholic beverages is a challenge to every citizen in our state and particularly to church leaders. Every church in the state should be represented. Lunch will be served at the church, thus allowing the entire day for study.

—BR—

STUDIES IN THE PSALMS was taught by Dr. E. R. Pinson at Valley Park Church during the week of January 25. Books for other age groups were taught by Mrs. Pinson and by Pastor and Mrs. Jack Butler. The enrollment was 61.



TOM CHANEY

Tom Chaney, educational director of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson and president of the State Religious Education Association, will preside over the annual meeting of the group to be held at the White House, Biloxi, next week, Feb. 15-17.

Religious education workers from over the state will be present for the meeting, to begin Monday afternoon and adjourn at Noon Wednesday.

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Rev. Clarence Palmer, pastor of Chalybeate and Providence Baptist Churches, Tippah Co. left Feb. 1 on a preaching mission to Cuba where he plans to visit some of the mission work and see some points of interest. This is the second trip he has made to Cuba.

9:00—Song and Praise
9:10—Scripture and Prayer M. O. Owens, Jr., North Carolina
9:15—Report of Committee on Boards—
J. Ray Garrett, Washington, D. C., Chairman
9:35—Committee on Negro Ministerial Education—
H. Leo Eddleman, Kentucky, Chairman
9:45—American Baptist Theological Seminary—
L. S. Sedberry, Tennessee, Secretary
10:00—Special Music Okla. Choir Directors' Quartet, Oklahoma
10:10—Report on Seminaries Roland Q. Leavell, Louisiana
11:10—Committee on Committees
11:20—Miscellaneous Business
11:35—Radio Commission Paul M. Stevens, Georgia, Director
11:50—Special Music Ouachita College Choir, Arkansas
12:00—Worship—Emphasis on Christian Home Joe W. Burton, Tenn.
12:30—Sermon—"The Christian Home" Olin T. Binkley, N. C.

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:00—Song and Praise Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Irely, Arkansas
7:10—Scripture and Prayer Robert D. Hughes, California
7:15—Committee on Public Affairs—
C. Emanuel Carlson, Washington, D. C., Executive Secretary
7:30—Historical Commission Norman W. Cox, Tenn., Exec. Secy.
7:45—Chaplains Commission Alfred Carpenter, Georgia, Director
8:00—Christian Life Commission—
R. Orin Cornett, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
8:30—Youth Service G. Kearnie Keegan, Tennessee

SATURDAY MORNING

9:00—Song and Praise
9:10—Scripture and Prayer James F. Heaton, Missouri
9:15—Committee on Time, Place, Preacher
9:25—Committee on Resolutions
9:35—Miscellaneous Business
9:50—Special Music—Double Mixed Octet,
Golden Gate Seminary, California
10:00—"The Country Church" Sam W. Scantlan, Oklahoma
10:20—Committee on Baptist Circulation Campaign—
Louie D. Newton, Georgia
10:30—American Bible Society—
Thomas T. Holloway, Texas, Secretary
10:40—Committee on Audio-Visual Aids—
J. Norris Palmer, Louisiana, Chairman
10:50—Special Music—Chapel Singers,
Southern Illinois College of Bible, Illinois
11:15—Sermon Forrest C. Feezor, Texas
12:00—Adjourn
Dave Cowling, Ark., Chairman John Ashcraft, California
V. Ward Barr, North Carolina Robert J. Hastings, Illinois
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Will The Legislature Honor The Mandate

As has been often predicted, an effort is being made to legalize liquor in Mississippi. The excuse offered is that such action is necessary to provide funds for the school equalization program.

Just plain everyday honesty demands, not repeal, but provision for better enforcement. The law providing for the election held in 1952 contains the following provision:

"Provided further, that if a majority of the qualified voters vote against the proposition as submitted, said vote shall be a mandate to the legislature to set up a sufficient enforcement agency to carry out the provisions of such mandate."

Representatives voting for the law thus obligating themselves to support legislation for better law enforcement, not repeal were:

YEAS—Anderson, Applebaum, Bass, Batson, Baxter, Beauchamp, Beckett, Bickerstaff, Brown, Byrd, Caldwell, Carruth, Cato, Cherry, Clayton, Cossar, Cresswell, Donahoe, Day, Fancher, Fountain, Fox, Gardner, Garrett, Gore (Quitman), Hester, Hicks, Holleman, Howard, Hopkins, Jacobson, Jones, Junkin, Kirby, Krebs, Lee (Lauderdale), Maples, McCulough (Panola), McCurdy, McGehee, Monaghan, Montgomery (Holmes), Montgomery (Jefferson), Newman, Osborne, Phillips (Hancock), Phillips (Noxubee), Price, Ramsey, Reese, Roberts (Jasper), Rogers, Ross (Coahoma), Scott, Semmes, Sims, Smith (Clarke-Jasper), Smith (Copiah), Stephens (Lauderdale), Stuart, Sturgeon, Thigpen, Waits, Walley, Weatherford, White, Williams (Hinds), Williams (Monroe), Williams (Noxubee), Windham, Winter, Womack, Wroten. TOTAL 73.

Senators voting for the act were:

YEAS—Adams, Alexander, Baccot, Barlow, Bodron, DeMerville, Ethridge, Evans, Gautier, Glazier, Hall, Harned, Kyle, Lucas, McClure, McDonnell, McGraw, Martin, Morton, Pennington, Robinson, Simmons, Stewart, Turman, Watkins, White, Williams (21st). TOTAL 27.

We now ask these legislators to play fair. Honor your word and observe the mandate. The above-named people enacted the law. If they did not propose to abide by it, common everyday honesty demanded that they vote against the mandate, or in some way release themselves from its obligations.

Governor White was right when he said in his inaugural address:

"... An overwhelming majority voted against local option and in



favor of the enforcement of existing laws. The responsibility is thus clearly upon the Legislature to work out a satisfactory response to the expressed will of the people . . ."

We shall watch the votes and keep our more than 240,000 readers informed as to who abides by the voters' mandate.

—BR—

Priests Delay Pastors

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Dr. G. C. Hodge while en route to the Republic of Panama. He is a member of a party conducting an evangelistic crusade, under the direction of the Home Mission Board. The letter is self-explanatory.

"We arrived OK at 10 p. m., Tuesday. The plane from New Orleans was delayed and we missed connections in Houston.

"Some members of our party arrived Monday in Mexico City. When they passed customs two ladies, news reporters, questioned them as to number in party, where going, purpose, profession, etc., etc.,

"On Wednesday morning when we went to the Pan American office in Mexico City to have our transportation verified, the agent informed us that the Roman Catholic priests in Guatemala City had wired them not to allow us to stop there. No ministers other than Roman Catholic priests were allowed to enter Guatemala. Had we, in making application for Tourist Card, stated that our profession was gambler, brewer, professor or anything other than minister there would have been no question. But ministers, representing Christ and His Church, are questioned.

"We wasted nearly half a day trying to get a permit from the Guatemalan Consul to enter just for one day and night. He finally allowed us to stop in spite of the protests of the priests.

There are seven Baptist Churches in Mexico City. There are several hundred in Mexico. We visited

one Baptist Church in Mexico City yesterday where they have amplifiers similar to ours. From them I got an idea. The pastor and his assistant have three secretaries—all men. Those men secretaries were really working—but after thinking it over—I like our set-up better. Our secretaries look better and have sweeter dispositions—their work? I'm satisfied.

Sincerely,

G. C. HODGE.

—BR—

Mississippi Left Out

Evidently Mississippians do not stand very high, if at all, in the estimation of the program committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. No Mississippian is listed to appear on the program. The Mississippi College band, under the direction of Prof. Walter B. Duda, is to render special music at one of the evening services. Otherwise, Mississippi is blank.

Other states have the following numbers listed on the program: Alabama, 3; Arizona, 2; Arkansas, 3; California, 5; District of Columbia, 2; Georgia, 4; Illinois, 3; Kentucky, 5; Louisiana, 5; Missouri, 3; North Carolina, 3; Oklahoma, 5; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 14; Texas, 5; Virginia, 2.

—BR—

A Baptist Powerhouse

More members of Baptist Churches attend Baptist Associational meetings than they do in any other Baptist Gathering. The Associations reach the churches with the denominational program more successfully than do district meetings or state meetings. Therefore, it is very vital that the associations be kept alive, virile in their spirit, alert in their attitude and hard working in their energies. All our work is promoted through the associations.

We can see then that there is no surprise that evangelism could be best promoted through associational conferences in addition to the state conference. Every association under the leadership of the chairman of evangelism should conduct an evangelistic conference within the next few weeks following the state conference conducted in Jackson in January.

Suggested programs for these associational conferences have gone out to the associational chairmen, to the associational missionaries and in associations where there was neither a chairman or a missionary they have gone to the moderators. It is expected that these moderators will promote evangelism where they have not the associational officers elected for this specific task.

It is expected that all the offi-

cers will combine their efforts to conduct associational conferences throughout Mississippi this winter and early spring. Such conferences will call in the greatest number of workers from the churches and acquaint them with the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism.

Also these conferences will serve as promotional meetings in preparation for simultaneous revivals in 1954. They will look ahead to the great contingent-girdling simultaneous revival crusades planned by the Southern Baptist Convention for 1955.

If everyone who loves to see people saved will be alert as to the dates such associational conference is announced in his association, and will attend, these will be the power-houses not only for winning souls, but for inspiring leadership in all the organizational life for our Baptist denomination.

The membership at large in each church should attend these associational conferences, but everyone who has been elected by his church to serve in any place of leadership in the church should feel a divine compulsion to enlarge his vision by attending such a meeting.

Our Readers Write

KOREAN SOLDIER WRITES

One of my buddies gave me his pay to keep for him so he wouldn't buy beer. There hasn't been any writing paper in the PX in six weeks, but they get 2,000 cases of beer a week. Some of the boys have written to their Senators about so much beer and no writing paper, no cokes, no milk.

One kid from New York wrote and told his Senator that everybody in the Army didn't drink whiskey and he thought it was a sorry government that would send beer instead of milk and paper.

We are waiting for a reply.

Several Sundays ago we took up a collection to help build a church here for the South Koreans, but we didn't get but \$3,000. If there were more churches built and less breweries the world would be a better place to live in.

—JIM.

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MRS. HELEN SIGRIST TELLS EPA COMMUNISM NOT WHAT WE THINK

CHICAGO (Special) — "Communism is more dangerous because it is not what we think it is" declared Mrs. Helen Sigrist, staff member for a national magazine and a former Communist, before more than 100 editors, writers and publishers at the 6th Annual Convention of the Evangelical Press Association, January 26-28, in Chicago.

Speaking at the convention's annual banquet, Mrs. Sigrist further declared that in her opinion the solution to the problem of Communism does not lie in politics, the United Nations, or other international plans.

"The only solution is Christ," she said, "and we as Christian editors should not be wasting our time on anything else. Theoretically, Christians believe that, but in actuality they often go overboard on other ideas and panaceas."

J. Fred Parker, editor of Conquest, monthly publication of the Nazarene Young People's Society, Kansas City, Mo., was elected president of the EPA, succeeding Hart Armstrong. Vice-president is Ernest Keasling, editor, YPMS News, and youth director for Free Methodist Church, Winona Lake, Ind.; secretary Dave Donlow, managing editor of Contact, Christian Business Men's Committee Int., Chicago; re-elected treasurer, James R. Adair, editor of Power, Scripture Press, Chicago; advisors, Dr. Louis Benes, The Church Herald, Grand Rapids, and Lloyd Knox, Light and Life Press, Winona Lake, Ind.

Retiring president Hart Armstrong, Gospel Light Press, Glendale, Calif., will continue as director of the EP news service, which is distributed weekly to subscribing member publications.

In her challenging address, Mrs. Sigrist explained something of the philosophy of communism; told what the Communists are doing in the world today; described what makes a Communist a Communist, and suggested how Christian editors should approach the problem.

Mrs. Sigrist, a convert to Christianity, has had articles published

in Eternity, The Alliance Weekly, and other religious publications.

Opening address of the convention was given by the veteran journalist, William F. McDermott, for 20 years religious editor of the Chicago Daily News and now a nationally known free-lance writer. "We must believe what we write," he said, "and if we believe it, someone else is going to believe it."

A panel discussion on "Licking the Cost Problem", with Keasling as moderator, was conducted by Dr. James DeForest Murch, editor, United Evangelical Action, Cincinnati, editorial; R. A. Ginter, Scripture Press, Chicago, management; Victor Erikson, Scripture Press, Chicago, art, and James N. Johnson, Standard Publishing Co., Cincinnati, printing. A. L. Goodrich, editor, The Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss., and Walker discussed, "Ways That Win in Increasing Circulation."

Second-day feature, following Armstrong's challenging presidential address of the evening before, was an illustrated lecture on "Use of Modern Techniques," by Kenneth Butler, president, Wayside Press, Mendota, Ill., and instructor in journalism at Northwestern University. He also conducted a two-hour magazine clinic, criticizing Christian publications from the technical standpoint.

Banquet features, in addition to the address by Mrs. Sigrist and the presentation of awards, included a talk on "Humor and Pathos in Cartooning," by Charles Ramsay, and "The Reader Speaks His Mind," led by Walker and Armstrong.

A joint session with Christian Writers Institute on Thursday morning and a tour of Popular Mechanics offices in the afternoon concluded the convention.

MOST STATES SHOW GAIN OVER 1952

According to a report by Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, most Southern Baptist state conventions made gains in Cooperative Program gifts for the first 11 months of 1953 as compared with the first 11 months of 1952.

Mississippi contributed \$417,099.26, as compared with \$358,541.70 in 1952 or a gain of 16.33 per cent.

States showing a gain with the percentage of gain were: Alabama, 3.65; Alaska, 30.75; Arizona, 29.89; Arkansas, 6.31; California, 4; District of Columbia, 13.73; Georgia, 11.31; Illinois, 23.42; Kansas, 39.57; Kentucky, 23.02; Louisiana, 32.57; Maryland, 25.82; Missouri, 8.79; North Carolina, 6.18; Oklahoma, 17.26; Oregon-Washington, 47.98; South Carolina, 13.24 and Texas, 7.73.

States showing a loss were: Florida, 8.04; New Mexico, 3.21; Tennessee, 10.03 and Virginia, 3.53.

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of subscriptions from Mulberry Church in Montgomery County.

A Girl Thought Of A Good Idea

By L. O. Griffith

Before the turn of the century, a fine consecrated young woman, Miss Annie Armstrong, felt that a church loan fund should be established for the Home Mission Board and in 1899 she secured the first money for the fund.

In 1905, under her leadership, \$20,000 was raised for the Home Mission Board Church Loan Fund. In 1912 the Woman's Missionary Union raised \$325,000. In 1953, \$150,000 from the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions was se-



ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG

cured for the Church Loan Fund.

All over \$900,000 for the Annie Armstrong offering for home missions in 1954 will go to the Church Building and Loan Fund.

There is a need for 10,000 new Baptist churches in our convention area. Many established churches need new or enlarged buildings.

A church loan enabled a church to erect its building where the gospel was preached, many souls were saved, Sunday school, Training Union, and missionary organizations were started and in two years more than the amount of the loan was being given to world missions. You ask, "Which church?" Many churches have made this record. But the three million dollars in the loan fund is not one-tenth enough to meet the need.

Our prayers and co-operation should accompany the women as they continue to help this important work.

Ministerial Association Organized At M. W. C.

A Ministerial Association composed of the Baptist ministers on the campus of Mississippi's newest Baptist co-educational college, Mississippi Woman's College, has been organized with Willmon Fordham as president.

Other officers elected are: Vice-President, Bill Cain, Secretary-Treasurer, C. R. Wicker, Program Chairman, Athens McNeil, and Faculty Advisor, Dr. Judson Chastain.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — The annual meeting of the board of directors of the Southern Baptist Foundation was held in Nashville, February 1. The auditor's report reflected growth in volume and earnings of above four per cent for the year.

January Mission Gifts Show Increase Over '53

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — The close of the first month in 1954 saw a 13.59 per cent gain in Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program receipts over the first month of 1953, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary, Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. A total of \$976,083 was received in January, \$116,813 ahead of January 1953's Cooperative Program receipts of \$859,269.

Designated gifts received for the month totaled \$1,275,244, a gain of \$371,991 or 41.18 per cent over \$903,253 received for the same period last year.

Arizona, Arkansas, District of Columbia, South Carolina, and Virginia were the only states not showing an increase in gifts to the Cooperative Program when compared with the same period last year. Texas lead the states with a high of \$125,000.

79 AT CLARKE COLLEGE ON DEAN'S HONOR ROLL

Clarke Memorial College releases the Dean's Honor Roll for first term. Those making first honor roll were: Jeanne W. Beacham, Newton; Bettye Deaton, Thomasville, Ala.; Edward Dickey, Boylston, Ala.; Mildred Fant, Newton; Nell Guest, McCool; Mrs. Toxie Jarrell, Picayune; Mattie Gayne Lewis, Daddsville; Curtis McKee, Bogue Chitto; Mrs. Duane Morgan, Meridian; Hoyte E. Nelson, Monticello; Peter Sprinkle, Mobile, Ala.; Sadie Williams, Canton; Ethel Lee Wood, Jackson.

Those making second honor roll were: Nylon Bassett, Louin; Robert Benn, Carthage; Mrs. Marvin Bibb, Drew; Marvin Bibb, Drew; F. J. Birmingham, Newton; David Bryant, Cropwell, Ala.; Opal Burt, Brookhaven; Peggy Daniels, Brooklyn; Odett Daugherty, Columbiana, Ala.; W. E. Derrick, Wesson; Max Dorr, Sardis; Billye Dowell, Kosciusko; Harvey English, Mobile, Ala.; Julia Eubanks, Lucedale; Wendell Gilmore, Union; Ira Griffin, Newton; Minnie Lee Hagwood, Meridian; Johnnie Mae Hall, Bovina; John Hedgepeth, Tylertown; Shirley Holladay, Newton; Louis M. Hutson, Denham Springs, La.; Toxie Jarrell, Picayune; Mary Johnson, Gulfport; Peggy Ann Keyes, Laurel; James Earl King, Monticello; Herman Knapp, Montgomery, Ala.; Tommy June Lee, Batesville; Glendora Lewis, Daddsville; Mary Ruth Mangum, Jackson; Peggy McDavid, McComb; Robert E. McIlvain, Chatom, Ala.; Helen Ruth Moran, Logtown; Duane Morgan, Meridian; Elzie Clyde Moss, Laurel; Mary Ann Nix, Scooba; Bennie Oliver, Amory; Mrs. Bennie Oliver, Becker; Ira S. Perkins, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Ruby Pittman, Tylertown; Elizabeth Reynolds, Bessemer, Ala.; Patricia Roebuck, Newton; Pauline Shattles, Brooklyn; Harrell Sinclair, Columbia; Daniel Stroud, Rome; Edna Ann Stubblefield, Yazoo City; Bobby Allen Tartt, Columbus;

A Man of Distinction

A shocking Knoxville tragedy involving the social use of liquor profoundly disturbed that Tennessee city.

A blast from a shotgun ended the life of Gerald Williams, a University of Tennessee graduate who was doing work on his doctorate. Drink cut short another promising career.

The accident which put an end to the young man's life followed a dinner at which it is said that the young man and his host had a shaker of cocktails at dinner and a brandy afterward.

Returning to his own home, the young man attempted to enter the door of a nearby neighbor who was a good friend. It was two o'clock in the morning. The friend demanded to know who was at the door. He got no satisfactory reply and was therefore alarmed. Williams, unable to enter at the front, proceeded to the rear and was shot.

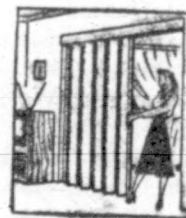
The father and mother of young Williams are suffering from shock and sorrow—he was an only child. You will not see this account in any of the liquor magazines nor will they run an account of this under the head of "Men of Distinction."

Harvey E. Templeton, Centerville; Ruth Tripiett, Mashulaville; Bobby Walton, Tillatoba; Alberta Ward, Laurel; Betty Ann Watts, Taylor; Nina Watts, Quitman; Barbara Whitley, Daddsville, Ala.; O. D. Whitman, Montezuma, Tenn.; Eugene E. Williams, Arcola, La.; Evelyn L. Williams, Newton; A. J. Woolbright, Brooksville; Frances Wrenn, Water Valley; Dorothy Yarborough, Eupora.

The one making First Honor Roll in the Secondary Department was James H. Creel, Mobile, Ala.

Those making Second Honor Roll were: Jack Carlton Box, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Mrs. Johnny Bush, Greenville, Ala.; Billie Ingram, West Monroe, La.; Jewell Melvin, Hickory, N. C.; Anis Shorosh, Ajloun, Jordan; Dorothy Teston, Tylertown; Homer Wilkingsham, Elmhurst, Ill.

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Quite often we receive "news" items from three weeks to a month after the occurrence of the event being written about. "News" this late is not news—it is history, so please mail your stories to us within a day or two after the news happens. We would also like to remind reporters that a good story need not be a long story. The story of Creation as found in Genesis contains only about 800 words. Be brief. So says Editor Tinnin of the Louisiana Baptist Messenger, and to which the Baptist Record says: Amen.

Rev. Duncan Daniel, formerly pastor of several Central Louisiana churches and now working among the blind in New Orleans, is available for pastoral and evangelistic work. His address is Box 513, New Orleans.

Rev. Clarence Palmer recently entered his seventh year as pastor of Chalybeate and Providence Churches. In addition to his pastoral work, Rev. Palmer served three years as a member of the State Convention Board, has done mission work, has served as an Associational Sunday School Superintendent of Tippah Association and has taught in the Extension work of Clarke College.

Rev. James E. Gooch, of Laurel, has been called to Amity and Woodland Churches in Chickasaw County. He has moved to Woodland and will serve each church half-time. He succeeds Rev. Leslie Dobson at Amity.

"Rev. J. Roy Crosby, Crystal Springs church, Tylertown, Miss., did the preaching in a revival at Duncanville, Alabama January 25-31. There were 16 additions, 13 by baptism. Rev. Randy Cook, a student at the New Orleans Seminary, is the pastor."

Dr. Andrew Murray, whose Scotch parents were missionaries to South Africa and who himself was a pastor in that country, wrote a number of books concerning "the deeper life." THE MASTER'S INDEWELLING addresses to the average Christian such devotional messages as the following: "Carnal Christians," "The Self-Life," "Entrance Into Rest," "Waiting On God," "Christ Our Life," "The Complete Surrender." Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The price is \$2.50.

A new baptistry scene has recently been painted in the Byram Church near Jackson. Rev. H. J. Bennett is pastor. It is a reproduction from a slide made of the Jordan River by the pastor while traveling in the Holy Land. It is one of the few real scenes of the Jordan River found in the South. Earl Cutrer of Kentwood, La., did the artistic work.

According to a report from Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Mississippi sent a total of \$96,351.28 for Southwide causes during the month of January. Of this amount \$5,235.23 was for the Cooperative Program and \$46,116.05 was for designated offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Cross, Southern Baptist missionaries to Hawaii who are in the States on furlough, should be addressed at 301 Montclair Avenue, San Antonio, Tex. Mr. Cross is a native of Hickory, Miss.

A reader has suggested that many would like to know the exact address of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is: Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist Radio Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

Marney To Appear On Seminary Faculty



DR. CARLYLE MARNEY

Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor of First Baptist Church, Austin, Texas will be one of the three visiting leaders to compose the outstanding faculty to head the Seminary for preachers at First Church in Jackson, Feb. 22-27.

Dr. Marney holds the Doctor of Theology degree from Southern Seminary at Louisville and is in great demand throughout the South.

The seminar will be an intensified refresher course and every preacher in the state has been invited according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, host pastor. The host church is sponsoring the event.

The complete faculty will include Dr. Sydney L. Stealey, president of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and Dr. Wayne Gates, associate professor of psychology of religion, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: J. C. Holland, Crystal Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Wood, Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. Troy B. Land, Lexington; Jerry Ray Grissett, Mississippi College; Roy Colburn, Liberty; Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Maing, Crystal Springs; Sam W. Scantlan, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; W. H. Ward, Jr., Gulfport; Rev. H. E. O'Chester, Monticello; Art Culpepper, Mississippi College; Shirlee Leslie, Mississippi College; Patsy Hines, D'Lo; Dorothy Hiett, D'Lo; Wm. F. McDermott, Chicago, Illinois.

Blue Mountain College's annual operetta will have its first 1954 presentation at 8:00 p.m., Friday 26, in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium. Later, the cast and chorus will tour Mississippi. Cecil Rhea Crawford, head of the music department of the College, will direct the operetta, and Misses Linda Berry and Marian Feldmann of the music faculty will assist him. Martha Maer, senior music major, will again serve as accompanist.

Richton Church, Rev. W. M. Averett, pastor, has voted to increase its offerings to the Cooperative Program from 10 per cent to 12½ per cent. They have also organized a Servicemen's Department. The general idea is to keep the Servicemen and their families supplied with the necessary publications.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

SCHEDULE FOR DISTRICT MUSIC FESTIVALS

The places and dates for the 1954 District Music Festival are listed below:

April 12 — First Meridian
April 13 — Parkway, Jackson
April 14 — Lumberton
April 15 — First, Gulfport
April 16 — McLain
April 19 — First, Laurel
April 20 — First Port Gibson
April 21 — First Magee
April 22 — First, Brookhaven
February 23 — East McComb
February 26 — Hollandale
April 27 — First, Durant
April 28 — First, Calhoun City
April 29 — Lyon
April 30 — First, Ruleville
May 3 — First, Louisville
May 4 — First, West Point
May 5 — First, Booneville
May 6 — First, New Albany
May 7 — First, Sardis

The program will begin at 4:30 p.m. with all junior and intermediate hymn playing. Everybody will bring sandwiches for a sandwich spread about 6:00. The entertaining church will furnish drinks. All who would like to come are invited to the hymn playing. The choral adjudication and instrumental adjudication will be held at night beginning at 7:00.

In case the entries reach our expectations, sections will be arranged for all the adjudications in order to handle it on schedule. The night session should close around 9:00.

Blue Mountain, Miss., Feb. 9—The American Association of University Women has been honored with one of the highest awards of the German Republic, when the Cross of the Commander of the Order of Merit was presented to President Susan B. Riley. The honor was conferred in recognition of the Association's social and cultural contributions in furthering German-American understanding. Dr. Riley, a graduate of Blue Mountain College, is one of three women who have received this decoration. It is a token of distinction for those whose work has contributed to the peaceful rise of the Republic. About thirty Americans have received this decoration.

The many friends of Dr. W. S. Hardin, former pastor at Drew, and now pastor of the First Church at Titusville, Florida, will be interested to learn of the dedication of a new sanctuary which took place on January 31.

Revival services at Athens Church, Simpson County, will be held beginning Sunday, February 14. The pastor, Rev. R. A. Eddleman, will do the preaching.

This is a church program every church should enter at least two hymn players, and one, or more choral group in the District Festival Program. For further information, write the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

HOLLANDALE CHURCH HOLDS MUSIC WEEK

Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Mark Fergus, and the Minister of Music, Miss Katherine Murihead, with the cooperation of the Church Music Committee, a splendid week of music was held in the Hollandale church, January 24-29. The State Director was asked to lead in the school, with the help of local music leaders and teachers. 106 people were enrolled during the week. The Graded Choir Program is well underway in the Hollandale Church.

REP. ROBERTS SEEKS TO EXTEND POWERS OF MISS. HIGHWAY PATROL

Rep. J. B. Roberts, Lawrence county, has re-introduced a measure picked up from the 1952 legislative session, which would give the state highway patrol status of peace officers.

With the approval of the public safety commissioner or the governor, the highway patrol may be used to assist any peace officer in the state for any purpose.

At present the patrol is confined to traffic violations on the highways of the state.

Primarily, Mr. Roberts would have the patrol act against liquor law violators. They could help with any sort of manhunt.

This act was killed in house committee in 1952.

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HOME MISSIONS—WHAT I CAN DO

The month of February is preparation month. Each of us should learn all we can about this great territory of ours and the need for Christ in it. The series of books have been written to guide our study—if you are not already studying "In Evangeline's Country" or "The New Orleans Story"—order from the Baptist Book Store immediately! They are 50 cents each and the resource book is 50 cents.

NEW ORLEANS MISSION TOUR

Because of the able planning of Mrs. Chester Quarles, Mission Study Chairman of Hinds Association, 136 women made a bus trip to New Orleans, Thursday, January 28, to visit our Mission work there. It was a beautiful day—weather perfect, trip well planned—and women in fine spirits. There were 21 churches represented with three ladies from adjoining counties and one from Memphis—Calvary Church led in the number going—32 went from that W. M. S.

The four buses, having left Jackson at 6 a. m. went first to the New Orleans Seminary grounds for a tour of this beautiful place under the guidance of the president, Dr. Roland Leavell. After consuming box lunches in the cafeteria there, the mission trip began. Rev. J. C. Well, superintendent of City Missions and a group from the County Missions Committee acted as guides and instructors in the wonderful work that is being carried on under both city and southwide auspices. It was interesting to note the growth of the Baptist denomination in that city from fifth to second place in 10 years time. It was said that "in New Orleans the field is as great as one's vision."

The trip was planned so that the buses passed the huge First Baptist Church under construction and the Southern Baptist Hospital. It is

unbelievable that so many women could see and learn so much in so short a time.

The following officers went on the trip: Mrs. Robert Young, District I chairman, Mrs. Reid Moore, Hinds Association superintendent, Mrs. Lillian Ferrell, B. W. C. chairman of Hinds Association and Mrs. Quarles—especial thanks should be given to Mrs. J. M. Spell, associational secretary, who handled all reservations for the trip.

A good time was had by all and much interest and preparation of hearts for the Week of Prayer should be the outcome!

Congratulations! The Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church Jackson is the only Full Graded A-1 Union in Mississippi for the year 1952-53. This is an accomplishment of which to be proud—it shows sustained, excellent work.

BRAZILIAN HOME MISSION SECRETARY

Brazilian Baptists are in mourning! So are Southern Baptists! Dr. L. M. Bratcher, one of the missionaries of our Baptist Foreign Mission Board, served Brazilian Baptists for 28 years as secretary of their Home Mission Board. A far-sighted leader, with a country, particularly the vast interior reaches, on his heart Dr. Bratcher gave himself completely to helping evangelize Brazil. He had the capacity and ability to inspire others to join in the great task. Under his leadership Brazilian Baptists now have more than one hundred and fifty missionaries serving under their Home Mission Board. These missionaries serve in the vast, neglected, unreached interior stretches. Through Dr. Bratcher's influence and under his leadership schools have been started, orphanages started, an "alphabet program" instituted by which people may learn to read and the cause of Christ has been pushed forward.

Dr. Bratcher's death came after a brief illness and his home-going was a shock to all who knew this stalwart man of God!

Irene Chapel Church Feeling Results Of Revival

The effects of a revival are being felt by Irene Chapel Church, Hattiesburg. It was a week-end revival, Jan. 22-24. Rev. S. M. (Happy) White was the preacher.

The service Sunday afternoon was the highlight of the occasion with the pastor in charge of the service.

Sunday night at the close of the service nineteen decisions were made nine professions of faith, seven by letter and three rededications.

The W. M. U. sponsored dinner on the ground as part of the W. M. U. Focus Week activities.

Rev. Athens McNeil is pastor.

Small Is Supply Pastor



REV. J. L. SMALL

Rev. Joseph L. Small has been called as supply pastor of Twenty Eighth Avenue Church, Hattiesburg. He is a senior at Mississippi Southern College where he will receive his B.S. Degree in May. He attended Clarke Memorial College after his call to preach in February of 1951. He is a member of Thirty Eighth Avenue Church and during his college term he has served various churches as supply pastor.

GREAT INTEREST SHOWN IN WORKSHOP KITS

The Education Commission has already received orders for \$1,380 complete student kits (over 300,000 items) for the College Orientation Workshops to be sponsored by the Training Union during Youth Week in the Churches, April 4-11, according to Dr. R. Orin Cornett, Executive Secretary. These do not include orders for 125,000 additional items to be used in Texas and Oklahoma where kits are being made up and distributed locally.

Some 108,000 booklets on the Baptist colleges in the various states, varying in size from four-page leaflets for Grand Canyon College (Arizona) and Stetson University (Florida) to sixteen-page booklets for Georgia, Virginia and Kentucky, have been ordered.

Workshop materials ordered thus far total in excess of five million pages, Dr. Cornett said. In addition, more than twelve million pages in Southern Baptist periodicals (already assured) will support the 1954 April Emphasis on Christian Education, and there will also be several missions of pages supporting material in Baptist state papers.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof." The proof of Stewardship teaching is in the results. Here are the facts: Among all denominations in America on the basis of gifts to missionary and benevolent causes Southern Baptists in 1936 stood fifth; in 1940, third in 1944, second and in 1948, second and in 1952, FIRST. And next year should be better for results of the October 1953 Stewardship Schools will be shown.

MISS. COLLEGE BSU SPONSORS SUMMER VOLUNTEER WORK

CLINTON — The theme for the Summer Service Volunteer Week which was observed on the Mississippi College campus this past week was "You Too May Serve". Sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, this special emphasis week is promoted on college campuses in order to enlist students for Christian service during the summer vacation.

The noonday prayer services for the week were built around this challenging theme and various students spoke on the different types of Christian service available. The large bulletin board in the lobby of Nelson Hall was filled with a summer mission display and the Religious Education Club, at its weekly meeting, had students who participated in summer work this past year to tell of their experiences.

Many opportunities will be open for the Christian student seeking summer work. About 350 students will be able to work on the staff of the Baptist camp at Ridgecrest, South Carolina, while some sixty jobs will be open at Glorieta. Persons who wish to work at either of these encampments should file applications immediately to the managers of these assemblies.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention also plans to use some 35 students in its Summer Student Mission program during the weeks of June 7 through August 13. These students will serve on mission fields in SBC territory, and thereby receive valuable and practical experience in denominational work while still in college.

For those students who desire to participate in missionary service during the summer, but who find it necessary to work in order to return to school, there is also a program. The Tentmakers Reserves, an organization promoted by the Home Mission Board, enables the individual student to work at some secular job and do Christian service on the side.

Some forty-seven Mississippi College students had the pleasure of working in different types of Christian service during the past summer months. Two Choctaws also served on Foreign Mission programs, with Lenno Powell of Malcomb, Ala., serving in Hawaii and Iris Hernandez of Pensacola, Fla., working in Cuba, both through the auspices of the Baptist Student Union.

Calvary Church, Yazoo City, had a record attendance on Sunday, February 7—279 in Sunday School and 151 in Training Union.

Bolivar To Have Missions School

The School of Missions scheduled to be held in Bolivar Association Feb. 21-26 is the third such effort by the churches of the Association. Nineteen of the twenty-one churches are participating. Several of the churches are having Mission Study Classes in connection with the addresses by the visiting Missionary speakers. Missionaries from all fields where Southern Baptists have work will be presented during the week.

The first meeting in connection with the school will be held at Calvary Church, Cleveland, 2:30 p.m., Feb. 21. Two other rallies will be held during the week on Feb. 23 and 26.

Visiting Missionaries for the week are: Rev. K. E. Roediger, Pastor of First Church, Haswell, Colorado; Rev. Lloyd K. Spencer, Bethalto, Ill.; Mrs. J. L. Moye, San Antonio (Spanish speaking); Rev. Fred R. Barnes, Phoenix, Arizona (Missionary to Ranchers in the West); Rev. Earl George, Pastor, First Church, Madisonville, La. (Representing French-Speaking Missions in La.); Dr. and Mrs. B. Frank Belvin, Oklahoma City, Okla. (Indian Work); Charles W. Horner, Jackson (BSU Secretary for Miss.); Rev. Joel D. Ray, Jackson, Royal Ambassador Secretary for Miss.; Miss Amelia Rappold, New Orleans (Riverfront Mission); Mrs. R. A. Jacob, Franklin, Ky. (China); Rev. T. N. Clinkscales, Florien, La. (Brazil); Rev. and Mrs. Charles C. Stapp, Austin, Texas (Brazil); Miss Eunice DeSouza (native of Brazil and daughter of a Brazilian pastor); Miss Edythe Montroy, Drew (Nigeria). Rev. Charles Everitt, of Merigold, superintendent of Missions for the Association, will direct the school.

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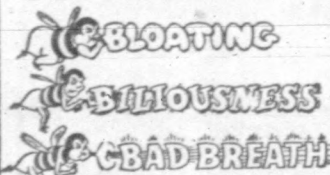


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REV. T. R. COULTER, JR.

Rev. T. R. Coulter, Jr., Pastor of the Scooba Baptist Church, began January 1st also as the part-time BSU Secretary for East Mississippi Junior College, Scooba.

We heartily welcome Brother Coulter to the work and have already heard glowing reports of his work among the students at E. M. J. C.

Christian Student, have you planned your summer? Fill it with joy through Christian service. Try some of these—helping in your

home church Vacation Bible School, serving in neglected areas of your community, organizing new Sunday Schools, teaching a study course, supplying in classes where teachers are on a vacation, visiting your associational meetings telling of B. S. U., planning Off-to-College Rallies in cooperation with the pastors. STAY BUSY for CHRIST THIS SUMMER.—Adapted from Baptist Student.

Jimmy Goff, Mary Evelyn Dorsett, Barbara Doty, Charlie Ferguson, and Earl McLeod, Miss.

College; Woodye Freeland, Sue Freeland and Bernice Smith, Miss. Southern; Hubie Parker, Perkinson Jr., Elmyra Manning, Draughton's Business College, and Woodie Williams, formerly of Miss. State and former State BSU President, participated in Lucedale Baptist Church's Student Night at Christmas recently.

Applications for summer missions work in Jamaica and in the western U. S. are due in the State BSU Office by Feb. 15th.

A recent issue of Golden Gate Seminary's bulletin carries a picture of the young women of Harmony Hall. Included is Miss Jeanne Nelms, former BSU Sec'y for Perkinson Jr., who is Y. W. A. President at Golden Gate.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd

50 YEARS AGO—
President W. T. Lowrey announces 326 students (male) in Mississippi College, highest in the history of the school.

40 YEARS AGO—
The annual meeting in the Clinton Baptist Church resulted in four professions of faith during which Pastor John H. Barber was assisted by Dr. E. C. Dargan of Macon, Georgia.

The Mississippi College community was greatly shocked at the sudden death of one of the most popular students in many years, Miles Dampeer, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Dampeer of Crystal Springs, Mississippi. Roland Q. Leavell was recently ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry by the Baptist Church at Oxford. He was pastor of Holly Springs Church for half time, and Taylor and Bay Springs one Sunday each.

25 YEARS AGO—
The total contribution of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, for 1928, was \$61,902, "of which \$10,936 was for benevolence and \$4,106 to other benevolences."

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new subscriptions from Hope Church in Neshoba County. The list was sent by the church treasurer, R. R. Barrett.

Chaney Succeeds Tarpley in Hinds County Post

Thomas B. Chaney, for the past 33 months Educational Director of the Calvary Church, Jackson, has resigned to become Superintendent of Missions of the Hinds County Association, effective February 21.

He succeeds Rev. Fred Tarpley who recently resigned and became pastor of the Ridgecrest Church, Jackson. Headquarters for the Hinds County Baptist Association are located in the Baptist Building.

Some of the highlights of his tenure of service at Calvary would include the remodeling of the church plant to meet the needs of a fully graded Sunday School and Training Union (this program included 9 new departments and 20 new classes in the Sunday School and a doubling of the Training Union organizations).

Mr. Chaney is also Sunday School Superintendent for the Hinds County Association.

Mr. Chaney was associated with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of Texas for 11 years and was in the wholesale business at the time of his call to religious service. He served the Emmanuel Church, Ft. Smith, Ark., and Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Kentucky, before coming to Calvary.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

February 7, 1954

New Prospect (Lincoln)	145	105
New Prospect (Lafayette)	99	63
Springfield (Adams)	63	38
New Hope (Marion)	259	206
Holly Bluff	90	75
Dublin (Jefferson Davis)	118	114
Stonewall	156	109
Sontag, Nola	65	52
Brownsville, Beulah	74	61
Pascagoula, First	572	342
Main Church	693	349
Jackson Ave. Chapel	89	43
Orange Grove Chapel	51	20
Cleveland, First	574	363
Main Church	518	
Chinese Mission	34	
Shady Oak	22	
Laurel, Wildwood	159	83
Laurel, Highland	199	100
Hardy (Grenada)	99	86
Longview (Oktibbeha)	79	63
Spanish Fort	68	38
Gulfport, First	955	330
Purvis, First	233	96
Shiloh (Marion)	52	46
McComb, Lecust St.	84	50
Taylorville	148	100
Brooklyn	108	80
Hattiesburg, Temple	527	192
Meridian, Poplar		
Springs Drive	380	148
Grenada, First	625	152
Calhoun City	355	136
Bay St. Louis, First	148	67
Siloam (Simpson)	65	32
Columbus, First	953	356
Concord (Choctaw)	98	89
Clinton	627	334
Biloxi, First	630	190
Gulfport, New Hope	113	56
Ruleville	210	44
Mission	27	29
Lucedale	364	184
Marks, First	215	76
Aberdeen, First	367	117
Sand Hill (Jones)	70	44
Lumberton	53	30
Crystal Springs, First	654	152
Columbus, East End	241	91
Union Chapel (Chickasaw)	80	65
Yazoo City, Calvary	279	151
Friendship (Jackson)	83	63
Bethlehem (Jones)	234	115
Ruth	102	78
Canton, Center Terrace	293	127
Fair River (Lincoln)	70	42
Picayune, First	570	193
Midway (Lauderdale)	158	64
Brookhaven, First	786	309
Main Church	649	240
Southway Chapel	86	55
Halbert Heights	31	14
Hazlehurst	307	140
Pelahatchie	185	74
Main Church	162	
Mission	23	
Laurel, Harmony	136	81
Hebron (Grenada)	87	67
Grenada, Emmanuel	298	117
Main Church	273	102
Futheyville Chapel	25	15
McComb, Friendship	152	94
Newton, First	504	263
Morton	305	124
Main Church	285	
Mission	20	
Darling	76	46
Yazoo City, First	484	182
Hernando	201	98
Kosciusko, First	924	322
Itta Bena, First	213	82
Greenville, Second	517	180
Moorhead	163	67
Jackson, First	1469	477
Jackson, Highland	147	89

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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THE BROTHERHOOD IN EVANGELISM

The men comprise the greatest single soul winning potential in our churches. Having adopted Evangelism as one of its primary objectives, the Brotherhood has proven its genuine interest in this most vital work. Evangelism is always listed first among our four major activities each year. Evangelism is not an effort — its a way of life. We are living evangelists. Definition of a Brotherhood—a group of consecrated Christian men promoting the work of their church and denomination and trying to get others to do likewise. A church that has no program of Evangelism, has no need for a Brotherhood. It is not intended that a Brotherhood is to create a program of its own. The Brotherhood is to work through the program of Evangelism that the church has. Evangelism is the place for Brotherhood men to begin. Our 1954 Brotherhood program should be thoroughly permeated and motivated with love for lost men and lost boys. What can we do? Here are some specific suggestions any one of which promotes evangelism and all of which are possible to individuals and to groups of Brotherhood men.

PERSONAL WITNESSING

Conduct a workshop on the tech-

niques of all types of visiting.

Map a program to assist the pastor and his staff in visitation of new members.

Give every assistance to the leadership of the church in setting up a perennial visitation program.

Arrange for and hold prayer meetings in homes, particularly in homes of the unsaved, before and during revivals.

Go after the boys with lost fathers, and fathers with lost sons.

GROUP EVANGELISM

Plan a definite program for ministering to the armed forces adjacent to the community.

Institute evangelistic work in jails and similar institutions; in hospitals, in homes for the aged; reformation, juvenile home. This work will reach the lost and develop soul-winners.

Arrange services in industrial establishments where messages may be given by men to men.

PARTICIPATION IN "A MILLION MORE IN '54"

Study the tract, "A Million More in '54" What Can Men Do?

Give every assistance to your Pastor and Sunday school leadership in providing more space, equipment and workers for Bible study in your church.

Aid in establishing branch Sunday schools and enlisting personnel for them.

Blue Mountain College's annual operetta will have its first 1954 presentation at 8:00 p.m., Friday 26, in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium. Later, the cast and chorus will tour Mississippi. Cecil Rhea Crawford, head of the music department of the College, will direct the operetta, and Misses Linda Berry and Marian Feldmann of the music faculty will assist him. Martha Maer, senior music major, will again serve as accompanist.

White Rock Mission	23
Jackson, Van Winkle	477
Jackson, Broadmoor	427
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	174
Pearl (Rankin)	152
Hattiesburg, Main St.	1016
Meridian, 41st Ave.	351
Laurel, Second Ave.	460
Leurel, West	458
Laurel, First	616
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	351
Sardis (Copiah)	70
Clarksdale	329
Jackson, Parkway	1176
Jackson, South Side	366
Jackson, North Side	498
Richland (Rankin)	123
Jackson, Ridgecrest	200
Jackson, Daniel Mem.	635
Jackson, Crestwood	668
McCamb, East	465
Flowood	116
Byram (Hinds)	227

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Columbus, Southside	155
Main Church	138
Mission	17
New Hope (Sunflower)	64
Crowder	153
Raymond	185
Olive Branch	113
West Point West End	103
Friendship (Jackson)	72
Marks, First	218
New Prospect (Lafayette)	100

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BAPTIST FAITH MONTH BOOKS INTERMEDIATES. The Faith They Kept, by Louie Latimer Owens and Ina S. Lambdin. Veteran Intermediate lesson writer, Louie Latimer Owens, and editor of Training Union materials for Intermediates, Ina S. Lambdin, combine their talents



to bring to life eight outstanding Baptist leaders of earlier days. Beginning with the Intermediates' natural interests in persons of achievement, the writers have sought to transfer that interest to the great beliefs which help to furnish the motive power of a dynamic life.

The stated purpose of the book is two-fold: To lead Intermediates to a growing appreciation of their denomination through the study of the lives of outstanding Baptists; to guide them toward a more intelligent understanding of cardinal Baptist principles in order that they might feel a personal responsibility for upholding these costly beliefs.

Each chapter is divided into two sections—the life-story of an outstanding Baptist, followed by the discussion of a Baptist doctrine with which this man had some intimate connection through experience or writing.

In this way, Baptist beliefs about God and believer's baptism are studied in connection with William Screven and the little band of believers who followed him from Kittery, Maine, to South Carolina. The doctrine of separation of church and state is emphasized in the life of John Clarke, who spent his life fighting for that belief. The doctrine of separation of church and state is emphasized in the life of John Clarke, who spent his life fighting for that belief. William Bullein Johnson, leader in the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention and its first president turns the spotlight on Baptist beliefs about missions.

The life of Basil Manly, Jr., is used to point out the importance of a Christian's training; while James Marion Frost's life stresses beliefs about the ordinances. The life of A. T. Robertson, who gave a lifetime of scholarly study to the Bible, is used to emphasize Baptists beliefs about God's Book.

Beliefs about the church are illustrated through the life of George White McDaniel, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond and president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1924 to 1927. Through the life of Edgar Young Mullins, former president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, emphasis is laid on the freedom of the individual.

This book should do much to help Intermediates to understand more thoroughly their background and heritage and to be intelligently proud of it—Margaret Sharp. "Juniors. Heroes of the Faith, by Mary Wilder Colson.

The material presented here takes on the form of a journey. Thrilling accounts of Baptist growth, trials and triumphs are unfolded as John and Ginny, twins, ten years of age, and their mother

and father, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, start on their summer vacation—a journey to Virginia.

Mr. Allen, a Baptist minister, and Mrs. Allen are anxious for the twins to visit, in addition to other historical sites, places that are of particular interest to Baptists. Heroes of faith discussed on the trip become more real to the twins.

As the trip progresses, John and Ginny come to realize with a new appreciation what Baptist pioneers have made possible for them. Baptist heroes discussed on the trip are as follows: John Weatherford, John Waller, John Ireland, Luther Rice, John Mason Peck, Isaac Taylor Tichenor, Adoniram Judson Holt, Edgar Young Mullins, Landrum Pinson Leavell, and George Washington Truett.

Beliefs considered so very vital to the Baptist faith are dealt with in a most convincing manner. Some of the Baptist beliefs discussed are some concerning the separation of church and state, salvation by grace through faith, baptism by immersion, and the divine inspiration of the Bible.

The author's method of presentation interestingly and vividly portrays some vital truths concerning the Baptist faith. Heroes of the Faith is invaluable as a permanent addition to the Training Union Study Course. —Betty L. Ferrell.

A special section of teacher's helps is published in the teacher's edition. One extra copy of this edition is sent with each order. There is no extra charge.

In next week's column there will appear comments on two other books to be used during Baptist Faith Month. The book for young people is The Faith We Hold by Albert McClellan. The book for adults is Living in the Faith by Howard P. Colson.

What Baptists Believe

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ing, and it is so important that it was given as one of the two ordinances of the church.

John The Baptist prepared the way for Christ and the New Testament church when he preached repentance. When people repented of their sins, John baptized them. Jesus gave His endorsement to John's ministry by traveling from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by him (Matthew 3:13). In His baptism Jesus portrayed in a beautiful symbolic picture His death, burial, and resurrection which became a reality three years later when He was crucified on the cross, buried in Joseph's new tomb and arose on the third day to reign forever as our living Lord (Colossians 2:12).

Baptists have never departed from baptizing by immersion (dipping the whole person into the water) in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost as taught by Jesus. About 250 A.D. some denominations began to substitute baptismal procedures that are not mentioned anywhere in the Bible. When any procedure besides immersion is used, it is a substitution. There is no question about what is meant when John Calvin (Presbyterian), Martin Luther (Lutheran),

John Wesley (Methodist), Wall (Episcopalian), Brenner (Catholic), all readily admit that the Greek word used by Jesus means immersion. The church of Bible times, familiar with the language that Christ used, baptized by immersion only. Many other non-Baptists agree that the Greek word for baptism, Greek being the language used when writing the Bible, means to baptize by immersion. Nowhere in the Bible is there one scintilla of evidence that indicates anything is meant when baptism is mentioned but immersion.

The New Testament Church was given two ordinances — baptism and the Lord's Supper. Both of these ordinances are definite and distinctive in the Baptist faith and practices. Baptism is to be administered only to believing Christians on the authority of a New Testament Church. Only scripturally baptized members of a New Testament Church can scripturally partake of the Lord's Supper.

One cannot experience real joy of baptism unless he can be buried with Christ in a true repentance of sins, then be raised with Him to a faithful life of Christian service. A person is not following Christ literally or symbolically when he substitutes some other method of baptism for immersion.

—BR—
Recently J. A. Hitt was ordained a deacon of Red Creek Union Church near Perkinston. Rev. Marvin Vaughn acted as moderator and Norman V. Flurry, clerk. The council consisted of Rev. R. L. Vaughn, Rev. Marvin Vaughn, Rev. Vernon Walker, Rev. H. D. Walker, Rev. V. W. Barton and the following deacons: Palmer Murphy, Richard Steelman, and Norman Flurry. Rev. R. L. Vaughn preached the ordination sermon and Rev. H. D. Walker prayed the ordination prayer.



JOSEPH W. KELLUM, JR.

Joseph Wilson Kellum, Jr., was licensed to the Gospel Ministry by the First Baptist Church of Tutwiler on January 24. Joe surrendered to preach during the Youth Revival last summer and transferred from Ole Miss to Mississippi College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kellum. He is the first ministerial student from this congregation in more than a quarter of a century.

Series Of Inter-Racial

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Meridian, and Tupelo Centers.

In addition several Negro colleges will be visited by the traveling group.

Conference leaders will include Dr. Guy Bellamy, secretary Negro work, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. W. R. Griff, secretary Negro work, of Louisiana Baptist Convention; Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Director of Promotion, Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville, all from out-of-state.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, Rev. Joe Abrams, Miss Edwina Robinson, Dr. E. C. Williams, and Kermit King, of the State Convention Board, Jackson.

Dr. John E. Barnes, Dr. Irving Prince and Dr. R. W. Woullard, of Hattiesburg; Rev. Eddie Barnes of Laurel; Rev. J. R. Davis, of New Albany; Dr. H. L. Lang of Jackson; Rev. M. E. Perry, of Greenville; Dr. C. S. Henderson, Horn Lake and Dr. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs.

All the other centers are asked to attend the most convenient conferences.

The Negro Work Department of the State Board works in cooperation with the Mississippi Seminary in our effort to help provide better facilities for the training of the Negro preachers of the state.

The forthcoming series of conferences is designed to foster a better working relationship between the two races in this effort.

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

PREJUDICE AGAINST CATHOLICS

Question: Maybe I am overly suspicious or just narrow-minded but I feel that our greatest danger today is not by hydrogen bomb nor Communism, but Catholicism. The attacks upon the public schools and our American way of life is to me a danger that all Protestant Christians ought to be alert to.

My problem is this: how can I teach my children the pitfalls of Roman Catholicism without teaching them prejudice also?

Answer: Human nature being what it is, you will teach them some prejudices. "All of God's children got" prejudices. So perhaps the best thing you can do to start with is to lead them to suspect their own opinions. Help them to beware of "the armored and concluded mind."

But on the other side I would try to instill in them the facts about our American way. Contrast the mature, free, democratic way of life with the "Mother Church," blindly believing, totalitarian systems. The choice between Communist totalitarianism and the Roman Catholic totalitarianism is not an easy one. I prefer neither.

Then, keep your teaching factual. Give your children the facts about Catholic persecution of Baptist and others in Spain and Colombia. Show them the facts about Catholics in this country, their constantly trying to say that public education is atheistic, their slipping their religious hands into the tax kitty for school and hospital funds. The facts are enough to show our real dangers.

And take your children to see the "Martin Luther" film. It will put some sand in their moral craws.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri).

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MRS. LILLIAN MOORE RICE

A great treat awaits all Junior Sunday school workers who attend our three Conventions in Cleveland, Yazoo City, and Natchez, March 9-11.

Mrs. Lillian Moore Rice, superintendent of Junior work of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will direct those conferences at these three Conventions.

To say that Mrs. Rice will do it is simply another way of saying that it will be exceedingly well done. She is one of the very finest Junior workers to be found anywhere.

So, we earnestly urge all Junior workers over the state to be sure and plan to attend one of these Conventions. It will be worth your going.

"A MILLION MORE IN '54"

My, how the time is slipping by! Or, should we say running by? Anyway, it is certainly going rapidly. We can hardly believe that already four and one-half months have passed of the year to gain a million new people for our Sunday Schools.

Brother Superintendent, have you checked with your officers and teachers to see about getting in that new class, or those new classes, as the case may be? If not, you certainly should do that at once.

Let's remember, if we get new people into our schools, we must do it through new classes. The existing classes are full now, and some of them are running over. The new classes and departments reach the new people. Let's not lose out on this important point.

DO YOU HAVE CRADLE ROLL AND EXTENSION DEPARTMENTS?

Many schools can reach their share of the million more by simply organizing Cradle Roll and Extension departments.

One fine thing about these two departments is that they do not

have to have some space in the church building. Their work is a ministry to people who are not yet coming to Sunday school or who cannot come.

One such Cradle Roll department in Mississippi two years ago won to Christ and-or church membership 50 people in one year. It is a work in the homes of the people where there are babies who are not coming to Sunday school.

The Extension department is for those who, for various reasons, cannot attend on Sunday, and that number is great, taken as a whole.

Do you have these? If not, won't you organize them? Their enrollment is a very definite part of the school enrollment.

MANY CHURCHES ARE REALLY GOING AFTER THEM

Yes, Sir, many churches are really at work to reach their share of the goal for this year. What about yours?

Figure what your increase should be in actual numbers, when it is a 20 percent increase generally, and tell your workers what it is, and then get them committed to distribute this among the various age groups and classes and go to work and visit the prospects.

Find the prospects through a census, checking of church roll, visits, etc., and then distribute these to the right groups and plan a program of visitation to see them. It will work. Personal contact pays off in big dividends.

S. S. CLINIC MESSAGES NOW AVAILABLE

Key messages delivered during the two-week convention-wide Sunday School Clinic and Training Conference, Jan. 10-22, in Atlanta, Georgia, are being recorded on equipment made available by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Pat Gullledge, educational director of Kirkwood Baptist Church, Atlanta, will have each message mimeographed and put into a total of four volumes of about 100 pages each to sell for \$1 each.

The 44 messages will require 24 spools, or 48 hours of recording tape, to do the job. Gullledge is providing the material at cost in an effort to render a service to those attending the clinic, and also for those unable to be present.

Any one interested in obtaining the Sunday School Clinic messages at \$1 a volume can order from Pat Gullledge, Kirkwood Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

Speakers on messages pertaining to Sunday School include such men as J. N. Barnette, J. P. Edmunds, D. J. Evans, Louie E. Newton, E. Hermond Westmoreland, A. V. Washburn, Herman L. King, J. L. Corzine, Edward Williamson, John Haldeman, Ray Rozell, James V. Lackey, W. A. Harrell, C. C. Warren, Ralph E. Longshore, Charles S. Bond, Wayne Dehoney, Ralph Herring, Sibley Burnett, Earl Waldrup, G. S. Dobbins, and a host of others.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Sunny Hill Is No. 1082

Sunny Hill Church was constituted as a church on January 10. The same day, the church pastor, Rev. A. J. Chandler handed the editor of the Baptist Record the EVERY FAMILY list from that church. Most of the members were already getting the Record, as they had been members of McComb and nearby churches. However, there were several new ones, but new or old, it is a new EVERY FAMILY Church.

Record readers in Pike county are now listed as follows: SUNNY HILL, 34; BALA CHITTO, 23; BLUFF SPRINGS, 32; BOGUE CHITTO, 44; CALVARY, 57; CENTRAL, 132; EAST McCOMB, 221; FERNWOOD, 54; FRIENDSHIP, 115; GREENWOOD, 23; HOLMESVILLE, 33; JOHNSTON STATION, 26; McCOMB, FIRST, 396; McCOMB, SOUTH SIDE, 146; McCOMB, LOCUST STREET, 54; MAGNOLIA 90; Navilla 1; OSYKA, 89; PROGRESS, 50; SILVER CREEK, 60; SILVER SPRINGS, 51; SUMMIT, 115; TANGIPAHOA, 87; TEERRY'S CREEK, 69; THOMPSON, 27; UNION, 42; PRICE STREET, 30; NORTH McCOMB, 28.

Mt. Pleasant Is In

Having had experience with the EVERY FAMILY Plan at other churches, Rev. H. O. Bankston lost no time in leading Mt. Pleasant Church in Smith county to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

After the people had tried the Baptist Record for a few weeks there was no problem. They wanted it.

Record readers in Smith county are now listed as follows: BEULAH, 41; Burns, 1; Clear Creek, 17; Concord, 11; Fellowship, 1; GOODWATER, 30; Leaf River, 3; Lorena, 1; Mize, 2; Mt. Carmel, 2; Mt. Pleasant, 16; RALEIGH, 66; ROCKY HILL, 32; SARDIS, 24; Shady Grove, 1; SYLVARENA 48; TAYLORSVILLE, 159; UNION, 49; WHITE OAK, 70; NEW SARDIS, 22; Clear Springs, 14.

Shady Grove, Lincoln County Is Number 1083

One of the latest additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is Shady Grove Church in Lincoln county. Rev. John W. Flowers is the pastor.

Record readers in Lincoln county are now listed as follows: SHADY GROVE, 43; ARLINGTON, 27; BETHEL, 29; BIG SPRINGS, 22; BOGUE CHITTO, 71; BROOKHAVEN, 666; CALVARY, 46; CLEAR BRANCH, 20; FAIR RIVER, 57; FRIENDSHIP, 59; GUM GROVE, 50; HEUCK'S RETREAT, 52; HOLLY SPRINGS, 26; LITTLE BAHALA, 38; MACEDONIA, 140; MISSION HILL, 31; MONTGOMERY, 62; MOAK'S CREEK 82; MT. MORIAH, 61; MT. PLEASANT, 53; MT. ZION, 63; NEW PROSPECT, 68; NEW SIGHT, 35; PEARL HAVEN, 124; PHILADEL-



Shown above are two Mississippians who were among the graduating class at the Mid-Year Convocation of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, on January 26.

Robert Taylor, of Grenada, Mississippi was awarded the Bachelor of Divinity degree, and Clarence R. Lassetter of Forest was one of 23 men to receive the Doctor of Theology degree. Dr. Lassetter has recently gone to serve as pastor of the Glen Allen Baptist Church, Glen Allen, Virginia.

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NEW IRELAND CHURCH HAS WEEK OF STUDY

The New Ireland Church in Newton county, Rev. James Griffith, pastor, conducts its January Bible study by community districts.

The community was divided into districts with a teacher and a chairman for each district and during the first four nights the people studied in this manner with each group meeting in a different home each night.

They came together at the church for the last night. Eight-four of the approximately 90 adults in the community were reached as well as several young people.

56; Pleasant Hill, 3; RUTH, 61; Topisaw, 1; UNION HALL, 28; WELLMAN, 76; Brookhaven, Central, 1; BROOKHAVEN, HAMILTON STREET, 89.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

February 15 — Y.W.A. Focus Week; Religious Education Associational Meeting, Biloxi.

February 16 — H. M. Brooks, Choctaw Associational Representative Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Joan Stockstill, Student Secretary, Jones Junior College.

February 17 — Rev. R. B. Patterson, Sr., Alcorn Associational Organizer of Evangelism; Associational Missionaries Institute, Mississippi College.

February 18 — Rev. C. A. Smith, Attala Associational Sunday School Superintendent; W. L. Shumate, Carroll Associational Training Union Director.

February 19 — Mrs. T. J. Temple, Baptist Record Mailing Department; S. H. Mullen, Bolivar Associational Brotherhood President.

February 20 — Mr. Charles M. Tolbert, Mississippi College faculty; Mrs. Lamar Smith, Copeh Associational W.M.U. Superintendent.

February 21 — Martha Milling, Belhaven BSU President; Mrs. Lee Gallman, Seminary Extension Department.

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For February 14

"CAN THIS BE THE CHRIST?"

Devotional Reading: Colossians 1:15-28; Lesson Text: John 7-8. (Please, please, read these scriptures entire)

I. THE POINT THUS FAR REACHED.

The time was approaching in the life of our Lord for Him to declare Himself the Son of God and Saviour of the world. His deeds and words of grace did constantly declare it. There were fine-souled people who heard the declaration and believed it. Of such were the men who walked with Him and saw Him give the "signs" which declared His Deity and spoke through the lips of impetuous Simon, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!" (Matt. 16:16). To those of us who have lived all our lives in the midst of a society in which the truth of the Deity of Christ has been through out the history of that society an accepted fact, it seems unreasonable that any one should entertain a doubt of it. But the events recorded in our lesson for this week occurred at a period and among a people whose breeding had prepared them to reject the Master's claim to Messiahship.

They believed in a coming Messiah, well enough, but the Messiah for whose coming they so eagerly looked was far other than the Man of Nazareth. So as He began to hint and finally boldly to declare His identity as the Son of God, they first doubted, then were angered, and finally were filled with wrath by the claims upon Whom they looked as a blasphemer, because He called God His Father, thus making Himself equal with God.

I am not asking you to sympathize with these people who hardened their hearts against Him, but I wish I might lead us all together to understand the main point at issue between Jesus and the Jews. When we gained this I think we may see more clearly the truth of the Lord and make the right decisions for ourselves, so that it may be said of us as it was repeatedly said of His believing disciples "And His disciples believed on Him."

II. THE CONTROVERSY THAT RAGED AROUND HIM.

1. As to the character of man He was. "Good man!", said some, "Bad man" said others. Those who accused Him of being a bad man brought these charges against Him. He deceives the people, "Leads the multitudes astray." Then He is not even a Jew but a Samaritan; again, He is under control of a demon; and still again, "Thou bearest witness of thyself; thy witness is not true," in other words, "You are a liar."

His defenders at different times in the controversy bore testimony to His goodness (7:12); that His

speech was more authoritative, more gracious, more winsome than that of any other man who ever lived (7:46); and again, "This is of a truth the prophet." (7:40). So He became the center of a storm of adverse criticism and which grew in intensity as it swirled about those who more and more stoutly defended Him.

2. Where Has He Been to School That He Pretends to Teach Other People, and Most of all, Us Rab-bis? Along comes this upstart carpenter from Nazareth, mind you, Nazareth of Galilee!

He came, first of all, to live a faultless life, to show men how to live a life well-pleasing to God; and as a teacher, He came that men might know the truth, through the learning of which, they would become free from sin; thirdly, that He might, by His testimony to the truth, bring men to see that their supreme need was life and to lead them in the quest of it; and again, to demonstrate His sonship to the Father, and once again, to die for the sin of the race that He might thereby confer salvation on all who believe.

The rulers refused to recognize Him because He did not come by the road they had marked for the Messiah, and they sought to discredit Him in the eyes of the people who were heeding Him, who were coming to accept Him as the Messiah.

3. Where Is This Man From, Anyway? As the controversy continued the opposition grew more bitter and determined, more diabolical. It was easy to rationalize Jesus. They all knew(?) where He came from. "He is a man of Nazareth and has come from Galilee." There is no mystery about Him: You can not consider Him as the Messiah, why, we all know who he is! Of course these enemies of His were ignorant of His origin, of His paternity, of His birthplace, of His entire earthly life. Their knowledge was wholly of the flesh; they knew not God.

III. OUR LORD'S WITNESS TO HIMSELF.

We have heard the witness of unregenerate men concerning the Jesus of Nazareth. It is an old witness. If hoary age gave truth to a testimony, here is one that would stand the test of any court. And what is that witness: "Some say" (you are) "John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." All of them say He is not the Christ, the Son of the Living God. "But is not that ancient mistake an exploded one: No one among as takes that view now! Everybody believes Him to be what Peter knew Him through revelation of the Father to be, is it not so?" No, Indeed! This ancient opinion concerning Jesus is not one of which we learn only by searching ancient records. The devil keeps this one alive and passes it on from generation to generation.

The same class of his dupes that typed it into the ears of the multitudes on the occasion of which we are studying the record today are still barking into the ears of our generation. But, be ye still, ye preachers of foolish doctrines doubt and disbelief, go silent, ye pamphleteers of the prideful, hush, ye blatant babblers of Satan's im-



Shown above is the Junior Choir of the Bethel Church, Lawrence County, which rendered a Christmas program of song, scripture and prayer. The choir was arranged like a Christmas Tree. Mrs. Lloyd Powell was director, and Rev. Hoyte Nelson is pastor.

Rev. R. L. Jordan Accepts Holly Bluff Church

Rev. R. L. Jordan recently resigned the pastorate of Sidon Church to accept the call to the Holly Bluff Church. Mr. Jordan and his family took up their residence in Holly Bluff on Tuesday, February 2nd.

A pantry shower in their honor was sponsored by the W.M.S. and the shelves were nicely filled with many tasty and useful things. A delicious luncheon was prepared by the ladies and served at the parlorium on the moving date.

Friendship No. 2 Church in Tallahatchie County set aside Sunday January 31 as Building Fund Day. Contributions amounting to \$405.58 were given. Lewis Myers is the pastor.

pious speech, and hearken in penitent silence while the Son of Man shall teach!

"I am the light of the world" (Jno. 8:12). He made this claim boldly where no other man has dared to make it. Is it not among the strongest proofs of His deity that He outwent all others in making claims for Himself of His meaning to the world? No one of all the great teachers made such claims for himself. I am the light that out of primordial darkness shined to illuminate the world. I am the light of God in the night of sin. I am the light on the pathway to guide men home to God. I am the light in hearts that are darkened by the fogs of doubt and the clouds of trouble and the fogs of discouragement and the baffling mists of discouragement and dank despair. Shine on, O Light of Life and guide us home to the house of the Father! Give light, O Lord, upon these questions of right and wrong that perplex and bewilder us and leave us, save when Thou dost shine upon us, benighted and afar from our Father's home.

J. S. (VESTER) LOVE

J. S. (Vester) Love died on January 1, 1954, at the age of 75. He was born and lived in the Montevista community most of his life, and had been a member of the Montevista Baptist Church for 54 years.

Survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Minnie Hood Love, to whom he had been married for 53 years; four sons, nine grandchildren, and 2 sisters.

WHEREAS, he was an honest and upright man and supported the church in all phases of its work and was ever helpful to those in need,

WHEREAS, we feel that our church has lost one of its most worthy members and that this community shall be a better place to live because he passed this way,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Montevista Church adopt these resolutions of respect.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. B. WAGES, Pastor.
H. C. NELMS,
H. D. LEWIS,
W. G. SCARROUGH,
G. L. LOVE, Deacons.

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FORTY-FIVE MISSISSIPPIANS ARE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES AT NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



Forty-five students from Mississippi are candidates for graduation from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary on May 5, 1954.

Shown above they are, from left to right, first row: Doctor of Theology: George Miley Jenkins (Lucedale); Stanley James Smith (Mantee). Master of Theology: Bachelor of Divinity: Howard H. Aukman (Tupelo); Albert Vernon Clark, Jr. (Darling); Edward Eugene Eckman (McComb); James P. Gilbert (Jackson); Robert G. W. Stirling, III (Holmesville); Howard Hamrick (Moselle); Guy Henderson (Oakvale). Second row: Charles Holfield (Laurel); Robert L. Hughes (McComb); Roy S. Humphrey (Poplarville); Allen C. Johnson (Natchez); Louis Elbert Johnson, Jr. (Nicholson); Harry F. Jones (Moselle); Homer E. Keen, Jr. (Harrisville); John T. Lewis (Eupora); Aubrey L. Moore (Batesville). Third row: Elton Moore (Bonita); Orvel Oglesby (Columbia); Wallace Reid Robinson (West Enterprise); Frederick S. Roth (Logtown)—he is also a candidate for the M. R. E. degree; Charles Landrum Solley (Kilmichael); Ernest P. Scott (Coldwater); Harold D. Scott (Mantee); Marcus P. Smith (Conehatta); William L. Smith (Magnolia). Fourth row: Eugene H. Stockstill (Hattiesburg) and William R. Swenson (Dun-

can). Master of Religious Education: Dorris Josephine Bailey (Batesville); Jimmie Gerald Buckley (Prentiss); John W. Flowers (McComb); James L. Lawrence (Eupora); Curtis I. Miller (Columbia); Vesta Jane Price (Jackson); Cornice Winter (Hardy). Fifth row: Bachelor of Religious Education: Mrs. Geraldine Renfroe Dismukes (Columbia); Paul S. Dodge, Jr. (Gulfport); Mrs. Willie Jean Lyon Graham (Mendenhall); and Mrs. Margaret Upchurch Lindau (Sunflower); Mary Wanda Forbes (Cleveland). Master of Sacred Music: Diploma in Sacred Music: Sam M. Jordan (Pascagoula), also Diploma in Christian Training. Diplomas in Christian Training: Mrs. Angelen Kock Jordan (Pascagoula); Mrs. Jerry Hunter Smith (Prentiss); and Marlow A. Stroup (Vardaman).

Mississippi had 34 students on the graduating list in 1953.

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A new baptistry scene has recently been painted in the Byram Church near Jackson. Rev. H. J. Bennett is pastor. It is a reproduction from a slide made of the Jordan River by the pastor while traveling in the Holy Land. It is one of the few real scenes of the Jordan River found in the South. Earl Cutrer of Kentwood, La., did the artistic work.

MAKING OUR DOLLARS COUNT TWICE

By C. B. Hamlet, III

Mississippi College is within striking distance of a dream of thousands of Mississippi Baptists. We can have two thousand young men and women enrolled each year in this Baptist College. We can, if (and what an "if" this is!) We can house them. Ratliff Hall when completed will care for seventy-five more men. A new girls dormitory is needed now for a hundred young women.

Some of the endowed colleges and universities of our country have already faced this problem. They have taken some of their endowment funds and have built dormitories which have paid them as good if not better interest than they were receiving otherwise. Mississippi College has in the neighborhood of \$300,000 of endowment fund invested in building and loan associations with about \$100,000 of this bringing 3 per cent interest and the remainder 3½ per cent. There is no prospect of this interest rate increasing.

A new dormitory for 100 girls could be built for \$150,000 bringing to the college each year \$9000 in rent. This would be 6 per cent on the invested funds. \$3750 of this \$9000 could be set aside for upkeep each year and maintenance and still there would be \$5250 left

to guarantee 3½ percent interest on the invested funds. This is one way to make our endowment money work for us in two ways.

What if a depression comes? A depression could not wipe away a building. A fire-proof and insured building would be as safe as money invested in building and loan associations.

In these days of low interest rates we must seek to make our funds work for us in as many ways as possible. Surely this is one way we can keep from "turning them away because we don't have the room."

The peak of college attendance is not to be reached until 1960 and with bigger and bigger crops of babies each year, we have the assurance of having the students, if we have the place to house them. The Master once warned His own disciples about their failure to be as wise as the unbelieving world.

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The Baptist Record has received a copy of recommendations passed by the Administration and Finance Committee of the Arkansas Baptist Executive Board at its recent meeting in commendation of Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman who has recently become pastor of the First Church, Kosciusko.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (RNS) —

Brass bells that were salvaged from Louisville & Nashville Railroad steam locomotives scrapped in the line's conversion to diesel engines are ringing in 270 small churches along the company's right-of-way from Alabama to Illinois. One of the bells, however, calls worshipers to services in Max Gorvie chapel at Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa. In 1951, Calvary Baptist church, Covington, Ky., which supports the mission, asked the L. & N. to depart from its policy of donating bells only to "on-line" churches in order that the little African mission might "have a voice."

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Methodists Report 12-Fold Drinking Increase Since Repeal

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — Drinking among Americans has increased 12-fold since repeal of the 18th Amendment, the Methodist Board of Temperance said in a statement here marking the 20th anniversary of the repeal of Prohibition.

"In 1933 the per capita consumption of alcoholic beverages in the United States was 1.59 gallons," said Dr. Caradine R. Hooton executive secretary. "In 1943 it was 14.07 gallons and by 1952 it was 18.66 gallons per person."

Arrests for drunkenness increased from 831 per 100,000 population in 1932, the last year of Prohibition to 2,066 in 1952, he said. Drunken driving arrests increased from 65.7 per 100,000 population in 1932 to 203.5 per 100,000 people in 1952, Dr. Hooton added.

"Approximately 75 per cent of the time and energy of our metropolitan police forces are devoted to offenses stemming directly from liquor or alcoholism," he said.

American has 7,000,000 "problem drinkers," the highest crime bill in the world, and the highest rate of alcoholic consumption, except for France, Dr. Hooton said.

"All of this is in sorry contrast," he said, "with the promises with which the wets beguiled the American people two decades ago when they promised that the repeal would greatly reduce crime and reduce the burden of taxation."

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Rural Church Conference Planned For May 11-14

ATLANTA, Georgia, Jan. 28, 1954. — The first convention-wide Rural Church Conference will be held May 11-14, 1954, at the First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia, where Dr. Dick Hall, Jr., is pastor.

A program of information, inspiration, testimonies, and conferences has been planned by a committee. S. F. Dowis, chairman for 2500 rural pastors and missionaries. Speakers, representing all phases of Baptist work, will be heard on this program. A survey committee, appointed at a meeting of the long range Rural Church program January 4 in Atlanta, will report its findings to the conference in May.

Pastors of all country, village, and town churches with a population up to 2500 and all missionaries of rural associations are invited to attend. Churches and associations may well pay expenses for their pastors and missionaries to join 2500 other pastors for a great conference.

Free lodging and breakfast will be provided for all rural pastors and missionaries by Baptist people of Atlanta. Noon and evening meals will be available at a minimum cost at the church.

The limit will be 2500 people. Requests for reservations may be sent to Rural Church Conference, Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Retired—Still At Work

By DR. J. B. LAWRENCE

"Depart from the highway, and transplant thyself in some enclosed ground, for it is hard for a tree that stands by the wayside to keep its fruit until it be ripe"—Chrysostom.

One does not and cannot know the satisfaction and real joy of release until he really experiences it.

For the first time in fifty-nine years I can say with Smollett, "Nature I'll court in her sequestered haunts, by mountain, meadow, streamlet, grove or lake; where the poised lark his evening ditty chants, and health and peace and contemplation dwell."

I was licensed to preach on Saturday before the first Sunday in August, 1894. I began my ministry two weeks later in a revival meeting where I preached every day for six days. I accepted my first pastorate in January, 1895. I have been through all the years since then bound by the obligations that tie me to his task. It is, indeed, a delight to be where you can choose what you shall do with a freedom that enables you to do nothing if you desire.

I am at work, but free to choose my task and my time. I have an office in my home.

I have a desk at one end of the room and Miss Helen, my wife and secretary, has a desk at the other end. My books, with which I have lived for fifty years, cover practically the whole wall space. I can read and write, or rest and meditate, just as I will.

It gives one a better view to stand on the side-line looking on while others play the game. This I am delighted to do for, knowing the players as I do, I can view with confident assurance that there will be no fumbling on the field. Each one of the headquarters force in the Home Board office was hand-picked, after prayer. They have all been in the work long enough to prove their efficiency.

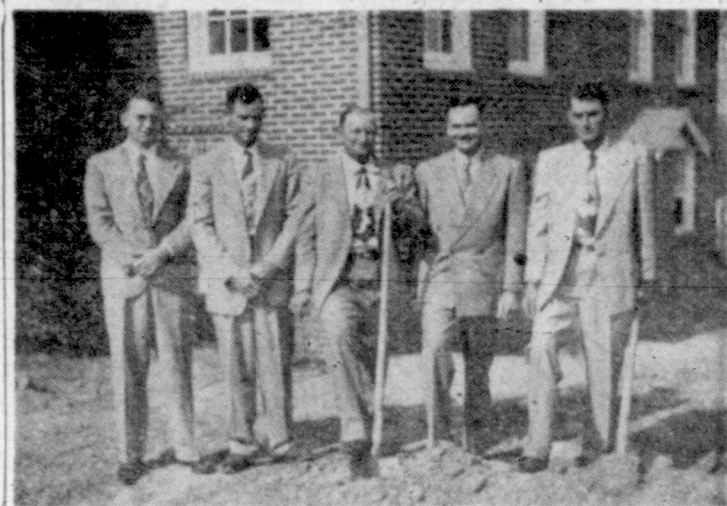
The new executive secretary is well-equipped by training and experience to carry forward the work. I shall sit in the bleachers with nothing to do but watch the game and cheer as Courts carries the ball.

Oh! I am at work, but it is not running the Home Board's office. I talked that over with Courts before I left. Anything he asks me to do I will do if I can.

The Board has voted asking me to write the history of the Home Board. This I shall try to do. I shall also, as I have time and opportunity, accept engagements for revivals, Bible conferences, addresses on the Holy Spirit, and such other services as our pastors and churches may want me for.

I have, through all my ministerial career, been a cooperating Baptist. When I was pastor, I cooperated in every program the denomination launched. I shall continue to do just that.

WHITE SAND TO BUILD EDUCATIONAL ANNEX



The building committee of Whitesand Church, Jeff Davis County, is shown above breaking ground for the new proposed educational annex to be constructed at a cost of \$27,000. The brick building, already under construction, will be two stories high and will house a pastor's study, church office, and 14 rooms. It will be paid for upon completion, according to Pastor Robert E. Donald. Left to right are: Kenneth Lee, Bill Booth, Willard Williams, Noel McGaughey and I. S. Raybon.

Flowood To Have Homecoming Sun.

Chapman Celebrates Third Anniversary

Flowood Church will celebrate the third anniversary of its pastor, Rev. James T. Chapman, on Feb. 14 in connection with its annual homecoming day.

The date has been changed to Feb. 14 since Pastor Chapman will be participating in an evangelistic crusade in the Canal Zone on the date previously planned in March. He will lead the services at the Cocoli Church.

Under the leadership of Mr. Chapman, the church has made much progress. Increases have been noted in attendance, contributions and gifts to the Cooperative Program. An educational annex has been completed and furnished, a choir loft built, and an electric organ and piano added. The membership has doubled.

Special music for the Homecoming Day has been planned by the music director, Chastean Flint. The Sunday School, led by Guy Grey and the Training Union, led by E. C. DeWitt, are expecting to set new attendance records.

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Protest School Football Games On Sunday

BOSTON — (RNS) — Strong disapproval of the practice of scheduling high school football games on Sunday was voiced in a letter sent to Starr M. King of Beverly, Mass., secretary of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council, by the Massachusetts Council of Churches.

Dr. Forrest L. Knapp, executive secretary who signed the letter, said the action was decided upon by the Council's board of directors after it had received protests from Protestant leaders in Haverhill, Lowell, Lawrence and Lynn.

Expressing hope that the prac-

Braille Evangel Makes Its Annual Report

In 1953 the Braille Evangel received \$18,333.54 in volunteer donations from 661 Southern Baptist churches and individuals. "We closed our books at the end of the year with a balance of \$8.27, with all bills paid," reports Edwin Wilson, managing editor. "Thanks to Mississippi Baptists who gave \$391.57 of the above total."

The 1954 budget of The Braille Evangel calls for \$20,000 in volunteer donations to sustain the ministry to the blind through the medium of seven areas of work:

1. "The Braille Evangel Magazine," bi-monthly.
2. "The Evangel Musician," quarterly.
3. "Las Buenas Nuevas En Braille", quarterly.
4. Church library for the blind.
5. Bible study in Braille, through seminary extension service.
6. Bible literature for young people.
7. Church conference assemblies for the blind.

According to Mr. Wilson, these seven phases of Christian work are a large responsibility for such a limited budget. Your prompt support will greatly facilitate better services. While we provide a spiritual ministry for our visually handicapped audience around the world, we urge you to keep our work free from a financial handicap. Let us depend upon you and your church for a small portion of your means and a large measure of your prayerful interest.

will be discontinued, the letter said it is "A threat to the use of Sunday for worship in our churches."

Leaders in our national life, as well as the members of our churches in this state are keenly aware of the paramount importance of increased emphasis upon spiritual values today," it said "Our country's responsibility in world affairs demands that she be spiritually strong."

GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL GIVEN TO CATHOLICS

The buildings and grounds of the Marine Hospital in Kirkwood in the St. Louis, Mo., area costing \$1,257,000 and recently appraised at \$1,950,000 have been given to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The announcement was made by U. S. Senator Stuart Symington (D-Mo.).

Other agencies that filed applications for the hospital property included the Kirkwood Board of Education, Bethesda Hospital Association of St. Louis, Midwest Bible and Missionary Institute, St. Louis Chiropractic Health Center, the State of Missouri, St. Louis County, and the Sisters of Mercy (St. John's Hospital) who withdrew their application in favor of St. Joseph's.

This appears to be an outright conditional gift of property to a church organization and, like grants of money to sectarian hospitals, is believed by competent authority to be in violation of the Constitution.

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I WANT TO UNDERSTAND

By Harold J. Purdy

There was always an intense eagerness about Akinori. At the close of almost every service he would say to the pastor, "I want to understand."

It is a long way from Japan to Nashville but it is infinitely farther from Buddhism to Christianity.

I have thought often of his baptism. I could not keep my eyes away from his radiant face and sparkling eyes. He was unbelievably happy. As he waited to enter the waters I thought, "And I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known. I will make darkness light before them and the crooked things straight" (Isa. 42:16). His new Christian friends, his new Testament, and the sermons he heard finally led him to that never-to-be forgotten Sunday when he came down the aisle confessing Christ as Saviour. He understood now what it was to be saved but he was not satisfied with that.

He continued to say, "I want to understand," as he sought for a deeper, fuller Christian life. At every service he would be present with his Bible in hand seeking for the truth. He learned that a Christian should be a soul-winner and so he began at once to witness to other foreign students. He discovered that the Bible teaches the principle of tithing and without hesitation he began to give out of his meager income. When he heard a message about missions he came saying to his pastor, "I will go back to Japan to tell my people about Jesus."

Many of us who have watched him sitting expectantly in prayer meeting with his Bible in hand or in the Young People's fellowship hour in the evening with his face glowing with an inner happiness have silently prayed, "O Lord, I want to understand."

Editor's Note: Harold J. Purdy is pastor of the Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.